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In re Patent Application of) BOX PCT/US
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Application No.: (Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
International Application PCT/NO00/00260)
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For: METHOD FOR STRENGTHENING)
A GEAR WHEEL, AND A GEAR)
WHEEL)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the existing Abstract and substitute the Abstract attached hereto as a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 2-5 with the corresponding amended claims.